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Project PEACE began with the idea that if we empower our children to positively control their school behavior, we can reduce the number of conflicts. Teachers can then concentrate on their jobs of teaching our children instead of disciplining them.

Project PEACE teaches children skills they can use for the rest of their lives. Together, the Indiana Department of Education, the Indiana Attorney General's Office, and the Indiana State Bar Association are working to give more Hoosier children the opportunity to help make their schools a safe place to learn and grow.

We strongly encourage you to apply for Project PEACE training.

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PROJECT PEACE



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2004 Training Dates
Elementary School Training — July 20-21
Middle School Training — July 27-28

Fatima Retreat Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

WHAT IS PROJECT PEACE?

Project PEACE is a peer mediation training program implemented by the Indiana Department of Education with support from the Indiana Attorney General's Office and the Indiana State Bar Association. This public-private partnership introduces dispute resolution techniques to elementary and middle schools throughout Indiana.

Project PEACE strives to reduce conflicts and violence in schools by teaching children how to discuss and mediate their disagreements. The objective of Project PEACE is to neutralize minor conflicts before they become explosive confrontations which often lead to violent acts. Children become active participants in controlling behavior in their schools by taking the role of mediator.

The purpose of Project PEACE training is to introduce participants to the peer mediation process and to provide them with instruction to teach their students.

As a new component, Project PEACE will also offer an optional, one-day advanced training on integrating conflict resolution throughout the curriculum. This session will provide additional ideas on making schools more peaceful and secure learning environments. All veteran Project PEACE schools will also be invited to attend.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

All Indiana elementary and middle schools are encouraged to apply. Each year 12 elementary and 12 middle schools are chosen to participate in Project PEACE training.

Each school who is selected sends to the summer training a team consisting of an administrator, two school staff members, and a parent. Every school team is then paired with a volunteer attorney.

Training, lodging, curriculum materials and meals are provided at **no cost** to participants.

WHEN AND WHERE

Training takes place for two days at the Fatima Retreat Center in Indianapolis during the summer.

- Elementary School Training: July 20-21, 2004
- Elementary School Advanced Training: July 22, 2004
- Middle School Training: July 27-28, 2004
- Middle School Advanced Training: July 29, 2004

WHO ARE THE TRAINERS?

David Keller Trevaskis, Pro Bono Coordinator for Legal Services, Pennsylvania Bar Association, and Executive Director for LEAP-Kids, Glenside, Pennsylvania.

Mary Ellen Schaffer, Director of Student Services for the Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113a of Lemont, Illinois.

Karla D. Taylor-Temple, Director of the Community Action Mediation Program, Community Action of Greater Indianapolis.

Artemus Carter, Director of Training and Technical Assistance, Street Law, Inc., Washington, DC.

HOW DOES MY SCHOOL APPLY?

Applications are available online at
<www.doe.state.in.us/services/peace>
You may also request an application by calling
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or e-mailing
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**Application deadline:
March 12, 2004**

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